

GERUNDS, INFINITIVES, PARTICIPLES

What is a Gerund?

A **gerund** is a **verb** that is used as a **noun**. A **gerund** is formed by adding *-ing* to the **present** form of a **verb**.

Examples: The **gerunds** in the following sentences are in **bold print**.

- **Studying** is mandatory before an important test.
- My father enjoys **cooking** for our family.

What is an Infinitive?

An **infinitive** is a **verb** that is used as a **noun**, **adjective**, or **adverb**. The word *to* is known as the **sign of the infinitive**.

Examples: The **infinitives** in the following sentences are in **bold print**.

- **To**
- **After**

What is a Participle?

A **participle** is a **verb** that is used as a **present**

Example:

- **Sin**
- **Fri**

Try This

1] Pick out the **gerund** in this sentence.

The popularity of skateboarding has increased among my friends.

- a] popularity
- b] skateboarding
- c] increased
- d] friends

2] Can you choose the **infinitive** in this sentence?

Now that he has his license, my brother wants to drive everywhere.

- a] he
- b] license
- c] my brother
- d] to drive



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